

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

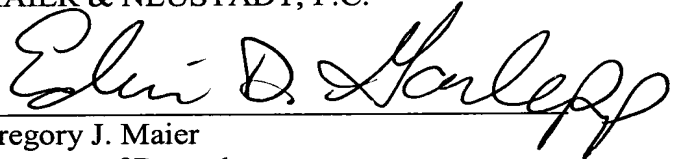
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 5, 10-12 and 15-18 remain active in this case, Claims 4, 5, 10-12, 15, 16 and 18 being amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, the application was indicated as being allowable except for the formal matter to correct minor informalities. Accordingly, Claims 4, 5, 10-12, 15, 16 and 18 have been amended herewith. Applicants note that the amendments to correct the informalities noted in the Official Action are in large part based on the Examiner's proposed amendment faxed to Applicants on March 17, 2005. Therefore, since no further issues remain outstanding in this case, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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